GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:405
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2006
RESTORATION OF CONNEMARA PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING CHENNAI
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has restored the world famous Connemara Public Library Building, Chennai;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) The cost involved for the renovation of the same and its special features thereof ;

(d) Whether it is also proposed to renovate the other dilapidated library buildings in the country;

(e) If so, the details thereof; and

(f) The time by which these are likely to be renovated ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c)The major items of restoration include:

Relaying of damaged tiled roof in central portion and Madras terrace roof on the aisle portion,

Mending and replacement of missing pieces of stained glasses with floral designs on vaulted roof and wall panels,

Restoration of stucco work and architectural features inside the building, and

Restoration of damaged art work on the ceiling.

The total cost involved in the restoration is Rs.1,02,21,079/-.

(d) to (f) No such requests have been received by ASI from any other agencies in the country.